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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2853

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/665,546

Examiner: G. MRUK

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Docket No.: 117247

For: INK-JET HEAD AND PRODUCING METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 6, 2006, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hubbard, U.S. Patent No. 4,703,333 in view of DeYoung, U.S. Patent No. 4,768,266. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's invention of claim 1 calls for an ink-jet head, comprising a passage portion in which a plurality of ink ejecting nozzles are formed, the passage portion including a plurality of individual ink passages running to the nozzles through pressure chambers; a spaced portion spaced apart from and facing the passage portion; a driving portion bonded to a surface of the passage portion facing the spaced portion for imparting squirting energy to